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TAGS: MARR/ AS/ US

SUBJECT: PROJECT OMEGA: DFA SUBMISSION TO JOINT PARLIA-
MENTARY COMMITTEE

REF: CANBERRA 3424

1. DEPARTMENT AND DOD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO INCLUSION OF
FIVE EMBASSY NOTES CITED PARA 4, REFTEL, IN DFA SUBMISSION
TO JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE, PROVIDED THAT TEXTS ARE
NOT PUBLISHED OR MADE PUBLIC.

2. IN PRESENTING ABOVE POSITION, EMBASSY SHOULD POINT
OUT TO DFA THAT IN OUR VIEW IT IS CONTRARY TO SOUND DIPLO-
MATIC OPERATING PRACTICE TO MAKE PUBLIC (OTHER THAN AS
OFFICIAL DIPLOMATIC HISTORIES MANY YEARS AFTER THE EVENT)
DETAILED RECORDS OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS,
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ESPECIALLY WHILE NEGOTIATIONS ARE STILL UNDER WAY. REVELA-
TION OF EARLIER NEGOTIATING POSITIONS MIGHT LEAD TO MIS-
INTERPRETATION BY PERSONS NOT FULLY FAMILIAR WITH OMEGA
PROJECT, AND PROVOKE MORE QUESTIONS THAN IT WAS INTENDED TO
ANSWER. FINANCIAL AND OTHER TERMS WHICH WE HAVE OFFERED TO
AUSTRALIA MIGHT BE MISINTERPRETED BY OTHER COUNTRIES WITH
WHICH WE HAVE NEGOTIATED OMEGA AGREEMENTS. MOREOVER,
PUBLICATION IN THIS INSTANCE WOULD TEND TO SET AN UNDESIRA-
BLE PRECEDENT MAKING IT DIFFICULT TO DENY FUTURE REQUESTS BY

OTHER GOVERNMENTS, TOTALLY UNRELATED TO OMEGA, IN CASES
WHERE SUCH A STEP MIGHT OPERATE TO DISADVANTAGE OF US.

3. FOR CONTINGENCY THAT GOA MIGHT RAISE ISSUE AGAIN,
EMBASSY REQUESTED AIR POUCH COPIES OF FIVE EMBASSY NOTES.
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